



An architect's preliminary sketch of the west end of the library. The addition will be built on to the northwest corner and off street parking will be provided.

# Commissioners Present Plans for Library Addition

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HEBER CITY (Feb. 5) - During their regular meeting today, the Wasatch County commissioners gave architects a go ahead to proceed with plans for an addition to the Wasatch County library.

Plans call for a 30 x 30 foot room with full basement to be added to the northwest corner of the library. The existing walls will be removed to enlarge the reading and browsing areas and create one large room. In addition, negotiations are underway to acquire land for additional parking at the west side of the building. Construction should begin when the plans are drawn up and weather permits.

According to Commissioner

Reg Tadd, total cost of the addition could be \$180,000. The County currently has \$92,000 on hand to fund the basic construction and they have applied for an Economic Development Assistance grant to cover the additional cost. The project is being designed in stages to allow for the completion of as much work as possible, depending on the amount of the grant.

Tadd said that the enlarged facility will enable the library to place more books at the public's disposal and create a more convenient and attractive atmosphere. Offices and storage facilities will be located in the new basement.



# New Library Wing Will be Ready For Use in October

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Construction of the new library wing will begin about July 17, according to the contractor, Jeff Nielsen, of Nielsen Hales Construction. He said it will be completed within ninety days.

Nielsen Hales was low bidder, at \$124,790, for the basic construction, plus air-conditioning and re-roofing of the old structure. This is \$32,790 above the \$92,000 allocated by the county. At their July 2nd meeting, the commissioners decided that the new roofing is necessary because the present roof leaks, and to add air-conditioning later would cost considerably more than if it is included in the construction. They didn't feel there way anything that could

be eliminated which would significantly lower the cost without cutting quality or impairing use of the facility.

Nineteen eighty-seven library funds will be sufficient to pay the difference and, after considering several plans, the commissioners decided on a short term loan, at 7% interest, from the Mountainlands Association of Governments financial cooperative. Then they officially ordered that construction begin.

Clyde Muir, chairman of the library committee, said that he had filed an Intent to Request Funds with the State Library Committee. He said that when funds become available he will receive an application and will file for a share.



## Library Renovation Finally Completed

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The last square yard of carpeting was installed in the old section of the County Library last week by Midway Flooring, completing the renovation and expansion of the building that has been in progress for the past year.

Librarian Evon Webster said new books could be ordered during the year, but the cost of the new books was not ordered last May.

Webster said the work and has all been worth it. "We've been swamped. People have never seen before are going in their kids. Use has increased immensely. That's what we wanted—to get something coming to the library."

A new children's wing has been added, with new bean bag chairs and furnishings contributed by Friends of the Library. Webster said, "The children dearly love it. They squeeze into those little chairs and think they're on the world."

Webster added that interest in the summer story hour program has made it necessary to increase from four a week last year to six hours a week this year. County employees pulled up all the existing lawn and grew bushes, to make

way for new landscaping, and exposed a beautiful building which many valley residents had never seen before.

Max Mawhinney, a Heber City businessman, volunteered to take charge of the landscaping when he learned the county couldn't afford to landscape. He said he has received a lot of community support, with local individuals, service organizations and businesses contributing money, time, labor, topsoil, etc.

"My idea was that the more people we got involved with the library, the more they're going to use and enjoy the facility. They'll feel like it's their library," he said.

He said all the plantings have been chosen because of their hardiness and a double layer of plastic, covered with gravel, should keep the area weed and maintenance free for about 17 years.

He credited Lions Club members with doing more work on the project than any other group, other than his own family, and said many Chamber of Commerce members also donated a lot of time.

It will be a few years before the new shrubs and trees mature, but even now, the library corner is one of the most attractive corners in Heber City.



# Public Library Receives State Library Funded Development Grant

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The Wasatch County Library has received a library services development grant of \$2,183.15 from the Utah State Library Division in Salt Lake City.

Erlys MacNaughtan, head librarian, said the library qualified for the grant by meeting various library service standards which were adopted by the Utah State Library Board to encourage local libraries to strive for excellence.

Many of the standards involve a legally appointed, active library board of trustees which works to formulate a plan for local library service. Members of the Wasatch

County Library Board are: Elaine North, chair; Commissioner Larry Duke; Vern Thacker; Gaye McPhie; and Max Mawhinney.

The Library Board and the librarian will determine how the grant funds will be spent. Options could include purchase of materials, building improvements, salaries, equipment, travel, and operating expenses.

By accepting the development grant, the Library Board has agreed to use the grant funds to develop the public library's service capacity over and above current levels of support.